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SUBJ: ROMANIA CELEBRATES ITS NATIONAL DAY

1. SUMMARY. CELEBRATION OF ROMANIA'S NATIONAL DAY AUGUST 23-24 COMMEMORATING 1944 "LIBERATION" CONTAINED NO SURPRISES, UNUSUAL STATEMENTS, OR SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. ATTENDANCE BY "EUROCOMMUNIST" REPRESENTATIVES WAS CAREFULLY BALANCED BY DELEGATES OF MORE ORTHODOX PARTIES AND USUAL CORSS-SECTION OF THIRD WORLDERS. NEITHER SOVIET NOR CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MADE ANY PARTICULAR SPLASH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOR DO USUAL CONGRATULATORY STATEMENTS EXCEED THE ROUTINE. END SUMMARY.

2. KICKOFF "FESTIVE MEETING" EVENING AUGUST 22 FEATURED ATTENDANCE BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ALTERNATES OF POLEXCO, ALL OF WHOM WERE TREATED TO ROUTINE SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER MANEA MANESCU. PARADE ON MORNING AUGUST 23 RAN REGULATION THREE AND ONE HALF HOURS AND CONTAINED USUAL YOUGH, SPORTS, WORKERS, AND SIMILAR MARCHING UNITS. (SEE DAO IR 6 883 0175 77 FOR DETAILS OF MILITARY ASPECTS OF PARADE.)

- 3. FOREIGN GUESTS INCLUDED AN EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, A DELEGATION OF CHINESE PARTY AND STATE ACTIVISTS HEADED BY A DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM HONAN, APPARENTLY A SECOND CHINESE DELEGATION FROM THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S DAILY, A DELEGATION FROM THE NATIONAL FRONT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, A DELEGATION FROM THE RWANDA REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, AND U.S. SENATOR HARRISON WILLIAMS. REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES INCLUDED THE JAPANESE, ITALIAN (LUCIANA BARCA), FRENCH (MAXIM GREMETZ), SPANISH (MARCELINO CAMACHO), AND PORTUGESE IN ADDITION TO THE SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN PARTIES. SOCIALIST PARTIES OF PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND ITALY ALSO SENT DELEGATES.
- 4. CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS FROM ABROAD ARE ARRANGED IN USUAL ORDER IN SCINTEIA, WITH MESSAGES FROM SOVIETS, CHINESE, AND YUGOSLAVS EACH HEADING A COLUMN. UNLIKE LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, MESSAGE FROM PRC SIGNED BY HUA KUO-FENG IS NOTABLY BLAND, CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO "HEGEMONISM", AND LIMITES ITSELF TO PRAISING ROMANIA'S CENTUR-LONG FIGHT AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION. ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET AND BULGARIAN TELEGRAMS MENTION ACTION OF RED ARMY IN 1944 IN CONNECTION WITH ROMANIAN LIBERATION, AS WELL AS CALLING ATTENTION TO APPROACHING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET REVOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: CELEBRATION WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL IN ALL ASPECTS, WITH TRADITIONAL BALANCE CAREFULLY MAINTINED IN BOTH GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS FOR FOREIGN GUESTS AND MESSAGES.
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